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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the Utility patent application of:

INVENTOR: **MASAKI AIZAWA, EIJI KATSURAGI, MIKIO
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FOR: **DISK ARRAY SYSTEM AND A METHOD OF AVOIDING
FAILURE OF THE DISK ARRAY SYSTEM**

Enclosed are:

- ☒ 29 sheets of ☐ formal ☐ informal drawings.
☒ Request for Priority to claim the priority date of November 26, 2003.
☒ An Unexecuted Declaration.
☒ An Information Disclosure Statement
☒ The filing fee is calculated as shown below:

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TOTAL CLAIMS	20	-20	0	x\$18 =	0.00
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